

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 183 - SB 1380

March 11, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires, beginning April 1, 2020, individuals incarcerated in state or federal correctional facilities who were not residents of the state prior to incarceration to be counted at their last known residence prior to incarceration for determining districts within the state for Congress, the Senate, the House of Representatives, and county legislative bodies.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$190,200/FY19-20 and Every Ten Years Thereafter

Assumptions:

- The proposed language would take effect upon becoming law; however the population adjustments required within the proposed language would only occur during redistricting, in conjunction with the decennial census.
- The Office of Legislative Information Systems (LIS), the Office of Legal Services (OLS), and the Department of Correction (DOC) will be required to adjust the decennial census population count in order to establish Tennessee Congressional and state legislative districts.
- The DOC currently has the last known residence of approximately 93 percent of the incarcerated individuals and would provide LIS and OLS with such information.
- Geographic Information Services (GIS) staff under contract with the General Assembly would utilize DOC inmate information to determine where incarcerated individuals should be counted for redistricting purposes.
- The population adjustments required by the proposed language would require contracting with three additional staff level GIS employees, every ten years for approximately 967.50 hours each.
- Each staff level GIS employee will be contracted at a rate of \$65.50 per hour, resulting in an increase in state expenditures of \$190,114 (\$65.50 per hour x 967.50 hours x 3 employees) beginning in FY19-20 and occurring every ten years thereafter.
- The Comptroller of the Treasury (COT) is required to assist county legislative bodies in adjusting their decennial census population count in order to establish county legislative districts.
- The COT currently provides resources and assistance to counties during the local legislative redistricting process. According to the COT, the requirements of the language can be accomplished with existing staff and resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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